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Anti-Terror Unit Investigates Bomb Link in Pan Am Crash

By Craig R. Whitney New York Times Service LONDON — The Pan American World Airways plane that crashed in Scotland blew apart 31,000 feet in the air, scattering wreckage in a wide arc up to 80 miles from the area of the main impact, the authorities said Thursday. An official with the British Airline Pilots Association said he believed that a terrorist bomb was responsible for the crash. A pro-Iranian group called news agencies in London on Thursday to claim that it caused the crash in revenge for the U.S. military's shooting down of an Iranian airliner in the Gulf in July. The U.S. ambassador to Britain, Charles H. Price 2d, said Thursday at the crash site that the fact that the plane had split into several sections "would indicate a mid-air explosion." "Whether that turns out to be the fact after appropriate investigation is a matter for the authorities to determine," he said. The plane would have gone down in the sea if prevailing winds had not led the pilot to select a northerly route that took it over Scotland, according to air traffic officials. Mr. Channon, speaking Thursday afternoon in Parliament, said: "Shortly after seven o'clock, when the aircraft was 20 miles northwest of Carlisle and two minutes after the last radio contact, the controller at Prestwick observed the dis-

A crater where houses used to stand marks the jet's path as it fell in fragments on Lockerbie, Scotland, killing people in cars and homes.

U.S. Alerted Diplomats to Threat

By Don Oberdorfer Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The State Department said Thursday that a very specific tip about the possible bombing of a Pan American jetliner en route from Frankfurt to the United States was received by the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki on Dec. 5. A State Department spokeswoman, Phyllis E. Oakley, said that the anonymous caller in Helsinki identified the likely suspects as being connected with the breakaway Palestinian terrorist group led by Abu Nidal. An official said that the Finnish authorities had dismissed the tip as the work of a crank. But Mrs. Oakley said the U.S. government had taken the tip seriously enough to alert the Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. embassies and regional security officers to Europe and other areas. She said that the warning was posted on the bulletin board in the U.S. embassy in Moscow, but did not know if it had been posted elsewhere. She said that it was up to each embassy to decide how the warning would be handled. [The Pan Am Flight 103 on Thursday was delayed an hour and a half by a bomb alert. Reuters reported from London. A Heathrow Airport spokesman said the 747 was partly evacuated because of an unattended suitcase near the Pan Am check-in counter, but that the bag was later claimed.] Asked about U.S. government responsibility to notify the public of tips, Mrs. Oakley said, "Our focus has been on alerting those people who can do something about them." She explained that this meant air carriers and airport security officers, as well as embassies. [President-elect George Bush, asked about the State Department statement to U.S. embassies, cited his experience as a director of the Central Intelligence Agency and said that most threats "never materialize." The Associated Press reported from Washington. "It can be a crackpot phone call, it can be a real warning: what you've got to do is evaluate that intelligence," Mr. Bush said. "I think you have to look at it on a case-by-case basis." [But if there was hard evidence that a specific flight was going to be threatened or that the threat could not be contained, he said, "clearly you would want to serve the public good by notifying people." [A Pan Am spokeswoman in



Catherine Crossland, a Syracuse University cheerleader, weeping at a pre-game observance in Syracuse, New York, for 38 university students returning on the jet from a European study program.

U.S. Weighs Strike on Libyan Complex

By Lou Cannon and David Ottaway Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration is "extremely concerned" about a huge chemical weapons factory in Libya and has not ruled out using military force against it, President Ronald Reagan's spokesman said Thursday. However, a senior administration official familiar with the issue said that military action was one of several options that had been discussed within the government and with U.S. allies, but that such action was "not under active consideration." "The president was quite clear that military action is an option," the president's spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater said. "We're not ruling it out." He made his comments in answer to reporters' questions about comments Mr. Reagan had made in a television interview. The United States "is extremely concerned about production facilities in Libya," Mr. Fitzwater said, "which we believe can produce enormous quantities of chemical weapons." "The thrust of our consultations is to establish what we know about this plant and to raise the issue as a menace to world peace and to make this a major item of consideration at the Jan. 7 conference," a senior official said. "It's also true that we are not ruling out a military option, but the thrust is the international conference." Congressional and U.S. intelligence sources have said that the United States has taken aerial photos of the chemical weapons facility. These sources said the complex is now heavily defended by Soviet-made surface-to-air missiles. One military option that has been talked about, according to these sources, is to use cruise missiles fired from planes or ships off the coast of Libya rather than risk the loss of aircraft or the possible capture of pilots by the Libyans. [The secretary of the 21-member Arab League on Thursday warned the United States not to launch a military attack on Libya. Agence France-Presse reported from Tunis. The secretary said Washington should resist "the temptation to repeat the error it committed to April 1986, when it committed an act of aggression against an Arab state, a full member of the United Nations and several regional organizations, notably the Arab League." [The statement said that "the United States itself possesses the largest stock of chemical arms in

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Court Assails McCarren Act

LOS ANGELES (NYT) — A judge ruled Thursday that key sections of the McCarren-Walter Act, which allows deportation of foreigners for advocating world communism, are unconstitutional. The decision by Judge Stephen Wilson of U.S. District Court came in the case of eight Palestinian immigrants ordered deported for allegedly supporting Palestinian terrorist organizations. The ruling was hailed by civil rights groups. The judge also struck down a new law that permitted the denial of U.S. visitor visas to members of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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Drexel: A Blow to Wall Street

By James Sterngold New York Times Service NEW YORK — On May 22, 1985, a 96-word, poorly typed letter from Caracas, Venezuela, arrived at the headquarters of Merrill Lynch & Co. in New York, charging that some brokers were trading with inside information. That anonymous message may have done more to alter the U.S. financial system than any legislation or stock market crash. In the hands of a zealous prosecutor, that slip of paper uncovered a Wall Street scandal that rocked the financial industry, beginning a trail that led first to free-lance inside traders such as Dennis B. Levine, then to more systematic criminals, such as Ivan F. Boesky and Martin A. Siegel. The latest to fall is the powerful firm of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., a global behemoth 28.3 percent-owned by Groupe Bruxelles Lambert. The firm's television ads close with the line: "Innovative thinking is not just good for business, but for everyone." The investigation led to the uncovering of pervasive patterns of abusive and manipulative techniques that allowed securities firms and some individuals to profit from corporate takeovers and stock trading. More important, it alerted the insular, clublike financial world to the fact that it was subject to the same rules as everyone else, and not just its own unwritten code. That message was driven home Wednesday with the indictment of Paul A. Blazer, a stock speculator and chairman of Singer Co., and the opening of the stock fraud trial against James T. Sherwin, the vice chairman of GAF Corp. The scandal has thus tainted not just individuals, but a way of doing business.

The Louvre's Murillo: A Murky Scandal

By Barry James International Herald Tribune PARIS — From a gilded frame on the wall of the Louvre, the portrait of Iñigo Melchor Fernández de Velasco looks down with a slight pout. The venerable Andalusian gentleman is at the center of a spreading criminal investigation in which both the Louvre's curator of paintings and one of France's leading trial lawyers have been charged with receiving stolen property. Don Iñigo is the subject of "El Hombre Sevillano," which was painted by Barco de Etebar Murillo in the 17th century and sold to the Louvre in 1985 by a former nightclub owner who allegedly had stolen it. Pierre Rosenberg, the curator who acquired the painting for the museum, is accused of receiving property knowing or in a position to know it had been stolen. Mr. Rosenberg is an internationally known art historian and one of the 13 senior "inspectors" who oversee French museums. The lawyer is Paul Lombard, the darling of Marseille society, a nationally known author and a candidate for membership among the immortals of the Académie Française. He arranged the sale, and his indictment

Chaos Descends on a Village

A Quiet Evening Turned Into a Hellish Nightmare By Edward Cody Washington Post Service LOCKERBIE, Scotland — Ronald Miller and his wife, Jane, were watching television Wednesday night when an explosion roared with such rage that the concussion sent him plunging head first into the screen. Mr. Miller, 64, a retired plasterer, had been propelled from the beginnings of a tranquil Scottish evening directly into a nightmare. A Boeing 747 jumbo jet en route from London to New York had disintegrated over Lockerbie, spewing fiery pieces of metal and chunks of aircraft onto the village and dumping bodies across the adjoining countryside. A large piece of wing hurtled to ground next to the Miller's modest row house, in which they had intended in live out retirement peacefully. The wing, carrying a nearly full load of fuel, exploded on impact, setting fire to the Miller home and about eight others along the A-74 highway running by Lockerbie. "All our possessions, gone," said Mr. Miller, the skin ripped from his balding head where it had crashed into the television screen. A half-dozen vehicles traveling the highway nearby were transformed into skeletons, charred in their tracks by fire from the sky. Metal shards littered the neighborhood, and garbled remains of the exploded wing lodged at a grotesque angle in a

Military Puts Its Stamp On Armenian Capital

By Bill Keller New York Times Service YEREVAN, U.S.S.R. — At Yerevan University and at the Polytechnical Institute, where passions have run high during this year of Armenian self-assertion, soldiers with automatic rifles take attendance each morning. Army tanks and armored personnel carriers straddle entrances to city squares that earlier this year teemed with tens of thousands of demonstrators. After midnight, soldiers stop any car not bearing a pass from the Ministry of Defense. In the last week and a half, the authorities have methodically arrested many nationalist leaders, including a member of the Armenian legislature, and others have gone into hiding, emerging occasionally to give defiant interviews to Western reporters. The authorities do not call it martial law, but the capital of Ar-

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Soviets May Unilaterally Quit Asia Base, Shevardnadze Says

By Seth Mydans
New York Times Service
MANILA — Edward A. Shevardnadze has held out the possibility of a unilateral withdrawal at some time in the future from the Soviet military base at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam, the Philippine foreign minister, Raul Manglapus, said Thursday.

His visit, part of an Asia tour, appeared to extend the Soviet Union's attempts to improve ties with nations in the region. Moscow has worked to promote a Cambodian settlement and has made overtures to China and Japan, among other nations in the region.

In September, the Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, offered to halt Soviet use of ship repair and refueling facilities in Vietnam if the United States pulled out of its Philippine bases.



Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres toasting Israel's new coalition government Thursday.

Kremlin Denies Cuts Will Spare New Arms

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union intends to scrap some of its most up-to-date tanks and other advanced equipment in reducing its forces in Eastern Europe, a Soviet general said Thursday.

Major General Yuri Lebedev, deputy chief of the Armed Forces General Staff Directorate, said at a news conference, "We have heard allegations that we were trying to withdraw old tanks and I can say nothing of the kind is the case."

reduced by 500,000 men over a two-year period. General Lebedev gave no breakdown of the number of troops and tanks to be withdrawn from Warsaw Pact countries, but said that those that remained would be reorganized into purely defensive units.

Shamir Presents New Unity Cabinet 'Strong Enough' to Resist Pressures

By Glenn Frankel
Washington Post Service
JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Thursday presented to the Knesset a new government of national unity that he said would be strong enough to resist international pressure to force Israel to withdraw to "the strangulation borders of 1967."

foreign minister, Mr. Arens repeated Israel's condemnation of last week's American decision to open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization. He told the Israeli radio the organization was "responsible for some of the worst atrocities that we have seen in the world since World War II," adding, "We don't believe in encouraging terrorist organizations because encouraging terrorist organizations means encouraging terrorism."

Mr. Peres said the government would urgently seek electoral change to change the unwieldy system under which 15 parties qualified for Knesset seats.

Soviet Official Urges Wider Religious Rights

Under Mr. Gorbachev's proposals, announced to the United Nations General Assembly on Dec. 7, the Soviet armed forces are to be reduced by 500,000 men over a two-year period.

General Lebedev denied that Soviet military leaders had opposed the reductions. "It is natural to suppose that there were some doubts among individual personnel, not all of whom were aware of the true balance of forces," he said.

Philippine officials said Moscow was seeking to boost trade and joint ventures with the Philippines and to gain fishing rights and landing rights for the Soviet airline Aeroflot.

Syrian Overture Is Seen Toward Egypt and Iraq

DAMASCUS — President Hafez Assad of Syria has opened the door to re-establishing ties with two of Syria's bitter foes, Egypt and Iraq, according to presidential spokesman.

Mr. Mubarak made the invitation to Mr. Assad in an interview with the Saudi newspaper Asharq al-Awsat, which was published in Cairo Wednesday by the state-run Middle East News Agency. Mr. Mubarak also said he earlier offered to go to Syria, but Mr. Assad turned down the idea.

Political observers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Assad's statements were a new overture to two longstanding foes.

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South Africa Signs UN Accord for Namibian Independence

UNITED NATIONS, New York — South Africa signed an accord Thursday granting independence to South-West Africa, the last colony in Africa, which will become the black-ruled nation of Namibia.

Foreign Minister R.F. Botha signed the pact at UN headquarters along with the foreign ministers of Cuba and Angola, who pledged to send home 50,000 Cuban troops posted in bordering Angola.

South Africa, however, insisted on the Cuban withdrawal. Chester A. Crocker, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, who mediated the talks, made linkage a centerpiece of the U.S. government's southern Africa policy.

SWAPO, the South-West Africa People's Organization, which has fought a low-level guerrilla war against South African forces in Namibia for more than 20 years, was not part of the accord, but has said it will honor a cease-fire.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Algeria Votes in Test of New Policies

ALGIERS (Reuters) — Algerians turned out Thursday to re-elect President Chadli Benjedid in a poll seen as a public verdict on political reforms launched after riots in October.

U.S.-Soviet Nicaragua Deal Possible

WASHINGTON (LAT) — The Soviet Union has indicated that it might be willing to reduce or halt its military aid to Nicaragua if the United States stopped its military assistance to the contra rebels, according to the speaker of the House, Jim Wright.

Israeli Soldier Dies of Bomb Wounds

JERUSALEM (AP) — A soldier who was critically injured when he tried to rescue a woman from a burning bus in a West Bank firebomb attack died Thursday in a London hospital, a military spokesman said.

Czech Diplomat Disappears in India

NEW DELHI (NYT) — Indian police have launched a nationwide search for a senior Czechoslovak diplomat here who disappeared recently and there is speculation that he has defected to the West.

Sudan Coalition Is Close to Collapse

KHARTOUM, Sudan (Reuters) — Sudan's coalition government was close to collapse on Thursday over how to end five years of civil war in the south.

Gandhi Signs Aviation Pact in China

BEIJING (Reuters) — Prime Minister Li Peng and visiting Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India signed a civil aviation agreement and two other accords Thursday during a meeting that the two said marked a new beginning in Chinese-Indian relations.

South Korea to Lift All Travel Curbs

SEOUL (AP) — South Korea will lift all restrictions on overseas travel as of Jan. 1, allowing South Koreans to travel abroad regardless of age, the Foreign Ministry said.

U.S. States Conditions

Earlier, Paul Lewis of The New York Times reported from The United Nations:
Saying there can be "no military solution" to the Angolan civil war, Mr. Crocker indicated that the United States would not agree to normal relations with Angola until

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Deputy Foreign Minister Venancio de Moura said the government of President José Eduardo dos Santos would approve an amnesty next month pardoning any leader of supporter of Jonas Savimbi's UNITA movement who wants to change sides.

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Mr. Crocker again stated the Reagan administration's determination to continue aiding the UNITA forces until a negotiated peace is reached in Angola.

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This 'New Look' at Debt

President-elect Bush says it is time to take a "whole new look" at the Third World's \$1.3 trillion debt. Indeed, and past time. Flexibility from the incoming administration is welcome. President Reagan's hands-off policy has hurt debtor nations and America's vital interests as well.

markets has added substantially to the U.S. trade deficit. Lost exports to Latin America alone are estimated to have cost some 340,000 American jobs. Third World market relief from heavy debt service burdens.

If Not Reagan, Who?

Ronald Reagan came to office saying that he could not raise military spending, cut taxes and balance the budget in four years. The money would come from two sources: the economic growth that the tax cuts would engender, which in turn would produce extra revenue; and the heavy layers of fat that conservative lore said was just waiting to be stripped from domestic spending.

What the country has now is a leaner government, an accomplishment for which Mr. Reagan deserves much greater credit than his fiscal record and accustomed credit allow him to accept. But the country also finally has a level of services which it is unwilling either to pay for or to cut.

Teen-Agers on Steroids

It is clearly time to focus more attention on the use of anabolic steroids by teen-agers, particularly young males. In the first national survey of steroid use by American teenagers, Pennsylvania State University has found that nearly 7 percent of the boys had used or were using steroids often at the age of 15 and even earlier.

Withdrawal symptoms include depression, disabling fatigue and even suicidal tendencies. Among adolescents, steroids can permanently stunt bone growth and curtail sexual maturation.

Other Comment

Tokyo Talks: A New Chapter

Japan and the Soviet Union have yet to reconcile their differences on the thorny Northern Territories issue. However, [Edward] Shevardnadze admitted in a press conference after the talks that both sides had thrashed out their views on the history of those territories since the 19th century.

insisting it was a resolved and closed case. The Japan-Soviet talks this time helped open the way for future bilateral negotiations of a continuous nature at various levels.

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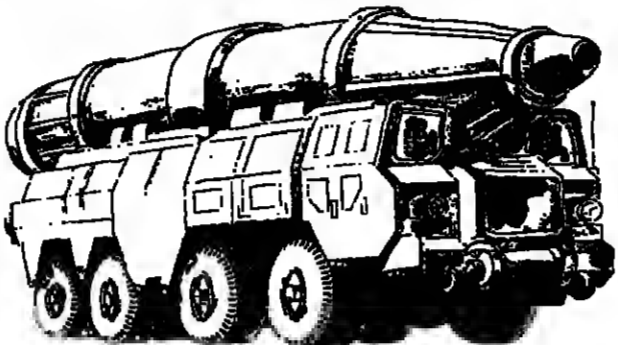
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Swords to Plowshares: It's Not That Easy

By Bernard D. Nossiter

LONDON—Among the astonishments of Mikhail Gorbachev's United Nations speech was his probing of capitalism's soft underbelly. The Soviet leader implicitly questioned whether the U.S. economy can prosper without arms spending.

between weapons and jobs. At the United Nations, Mr. Gorbachev did just this, and with some subtlety. He proposed that each nation publish plans describing how its missiles can be transformed into computers, how weapons production lines will turn out civilian products.



Disarmament: How to Ease the Pain of Conversion

By Francis Blanchard

The writer is director general of the International Labor Office in Geneva.

GENEVA—Mikhail Gorbachev's announcement of unilateral cuts in Soviet forces has given a boost to the disarmament process. This could have far-reaching repercussions. Much has been said about how disarmament could help reduce the U.S. budget deficit and spur economic development in the Soviet Union.

Any contraction of the industry should be linked to a structural adjustment program to ensure that those displaced by closure of arms factories or demobilization of standing armies could be productively employed elsewhere.



No Bells This Year in Bethlehem, but Hope for Peace

By Jesse Jackson

CHICAGO—This holiday season, in a silent witness to the need for peace in Bethlehem but not for the first time in years, there is hope. In agreeing to engage in "substantive discussions" with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Reagan administration has taken a courageous step.

we could not talk, we could not act. If we could not act, we could not help. With this step, the United States is now able to engage in dialogue with all of the parties necessary to a settlement in the Middle East.

Here's Moshe Arens, None Too Soon

By William Safire

WASHINGTON—A new face now appears on the world scene, and for Israel, not a moment too soon. For 50 demagogic days following an inconclusive election, the politics of Israel's major parties sought to buy the support of the small religious parties with concessions to orthodoxy.

Born in Lithuania, he came to the United States at the age of 14, served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in World War II, went to Palestine to fight in the Irgun at the birth of Israel, and later finished his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an aeronautical engineer.

peaceful settlement of the conflict and to indicate recognition of the Palestinian claim for self-determination. The formula for a peace settlement has long been clear. It would have to include mutual recognition for mutual security, land for peace and international guarantees to ensure the peace.

hands of its sworn enemies. Too many PLO terrorists make no secret of their goal: the taking of the West Bank as the first stage in a two-stage war of extermination. Isn't it a bit much to ask Israel to bet its survival on the possibility that the extreme faction—with its talent for assassination—will be forever repressed by new "moderates"?

1888: Haitian Rebellion NEW YORK—A steamer which has arrived bringing the latest information from Haiti reports that at the battle of Mirabailier recently the rebels defeated the government troops, with heavy loss of life.

1913: Mexican Holiday MEXICO CITY—A Presidential decree issued this afternoon [Dec. 21] makes every day, including today, until the end of the year, a legal holiday. This action has been taken to check a rum on the banks.

visions of peace. The core problem is one of fear. Forty years of conflict have charred not only the land but the spirit. Each side has made the other a demon. Conflict has become an accustomed visitor, peace a stranger.

Now we need a broader dialogue to fertilize the ground for peace. Churches, universities, cities and citizen groups can act to expand the exchange between Israelis and Palestinians, between Jews and Arabs, in America and abroad. The exchange of deaths must be surpassed by an exchange of views. Citizen dialogue can help.

1938: Germans Protest WASHINGTON—An official German protest at the bitter attack on the Hitler regime by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, today [Dec. 22] was rejected with a blunt statement by the State Department that the opinions expressed by Mr. Ickes were shared by an overwhelming majority of the American people.

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With Thanks For the Faith She Instilled

By James C. Thomson Jr.

BOSTON—Fifty years ago this month, the Swedish Academy shocked the American literary establishment by awarding the Nobel Prize for Literature to Pearl S. Buck. The Nobel Committee not only had passed over such candidates as Theodore Dreiser and Sherwood Anderson; it had given this exalted accolade to a former missionary and a woman. As Robert Frost remarked, "If she can get it, anybody can."

Mr. Nossiter, a longtime foreign correspondent for The Washington Post who later covered the United Nations for The New York Times, now writes a column from London on European affairs.

way, if disarmament is measured in terms of reduced budgets rather than the abolition of particular weapons systems, it is to cut primarily those activities using skills and occupations in great demand elsewhere in the economy, or to make cuts in regions with low unemployment.

It would be wrong to exaggerate these difficulties. Even in manufacturing, much defense-related production and employment is with subcontractors; not all are dependent on defense orders. In non-manufacturing sectors, such as construction and transportation, which account for nearly half the civilian employment dependent on defense spending, the conversion to nonmilitary applications will be relatively painless.

The writer, a professor of history and journalism at Boston University and former curator of the Nieman Fellowship at Harvard, is a specialist in American-East Asian relations. He contributed this to The Washington Post.

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EUROPEAN TOPICS

Christmas in Sicily: A Political Crib

On Christmas Day throughout Italy, families go strolling to admire the traditional Christmas creches displayed in churches and public squares.

The little wooden, ivory and clay figures that make up the display were assembled by Cardinal Salvatore Pappalardo, the archbishop of Palermo, who heads the church in Sicily and is an outspoken enemy of the Mafia.

A large snail symbolizes the slow pace at which regional and local authorities deal with the island's problems.

Around Europe

Prisoners in the northern Dutch town of Veenhuizen will make steel cell doors as part of a program aimed at teaching convicts a profession.

Alliance of Guerrillas Seems Unready to Lead A Postwar Afghanistan

By Henry Kamm New York Times Service

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Less than two months before the last Soviet soldier is to leave Afghanistan, the Afghan guerrilla alliance is displaying as much indecision as the government of Major General Najib, which the Soviet withdrawal is thought to doom.

The overriding question is the future of Kabul. The capital is the country's only major population center that has survived nine years of war largely intact.

The alliance faces the vital questions of whether to negotiate with the Soviets for a peaceful transfer of power, as Moscow proposes; to wait for the Najib government to collapse after the Soviet troops have gone; or to attack Kabul outright; or to combine political and military pressures after Feb. 15.

The seven parties' military commanders consider Kabul the war's supreme prize. Yet any move to seize the city is thought to carry, as an immediate consequence, a cutoff of essential Soviet supplies.

Both sides described the meeting as satisfactory and agreed to continue the sessions soon. Alliance officials and diplomats say they expect the next round of talks to open this month in Islamabad.

ARMENIA: Troops Give Yerevan the Look of a City Under Military Rule

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On Dec. 10, police raided the Yerevan writers union building and arrested several members of the Karabakh Committee, the unofficial leadership of the campaign to claim Nagorno-Karabakh.

Friends and relatives of the arrested men deny the charges, contending that the committee was simply trying to organize its own, alternative relief effort because so many Armenians did not trust Moscow to deliver donated goods.

Mr. Gorbachev initially responded with appeals for calm and compromise, but his patience wore thin as the Armenians kept up a campaign of public protest and maneuvers in the largely sympathetic Armenian legislature.

Mr. Gorbachev, who had flown to the region to inspect the quake damage, furiously denounced the protest leaders for failing to set aside their political campaign at a time of tragedy.

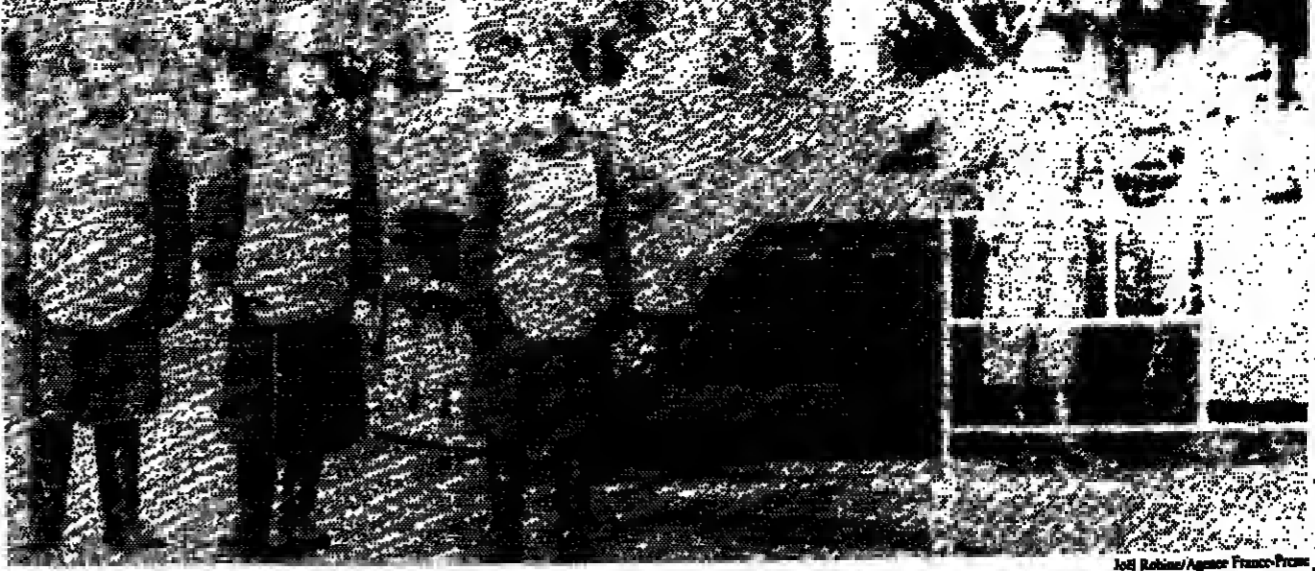
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The mood in Yerevan has changed markedly since September, when the authorities briefly lifted a ban on travel to the republic by foreign reporters.

The virtually complete open-air political discussions that raged outside the city's neoclassical opera house have ended. The square before the opera house is now ringed by tanks and troops, who wear bulletproof vests at nightfall.

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Soviet troops in riot gear stand guard in Yerevan, where security has been stepped up to discourage actions by Armenian nationalists.

LOUVRE: Investigation Spreads

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1979, and that her grandmother had received it from Mrs. Canson. Mr. Bernard alleges that an inventory of paintings accompanying the wills was typed on a machine found in Mr. Lombard's office.

Two reputable sources in Switzerland had earlier written to Christie's when they saw the sale catalogue, pointing out that, to the best of their knowledge, the Murillo painting still belonged to Mrs. Canson, whom they knew personally and who was by then reportedly emaciated and senile.

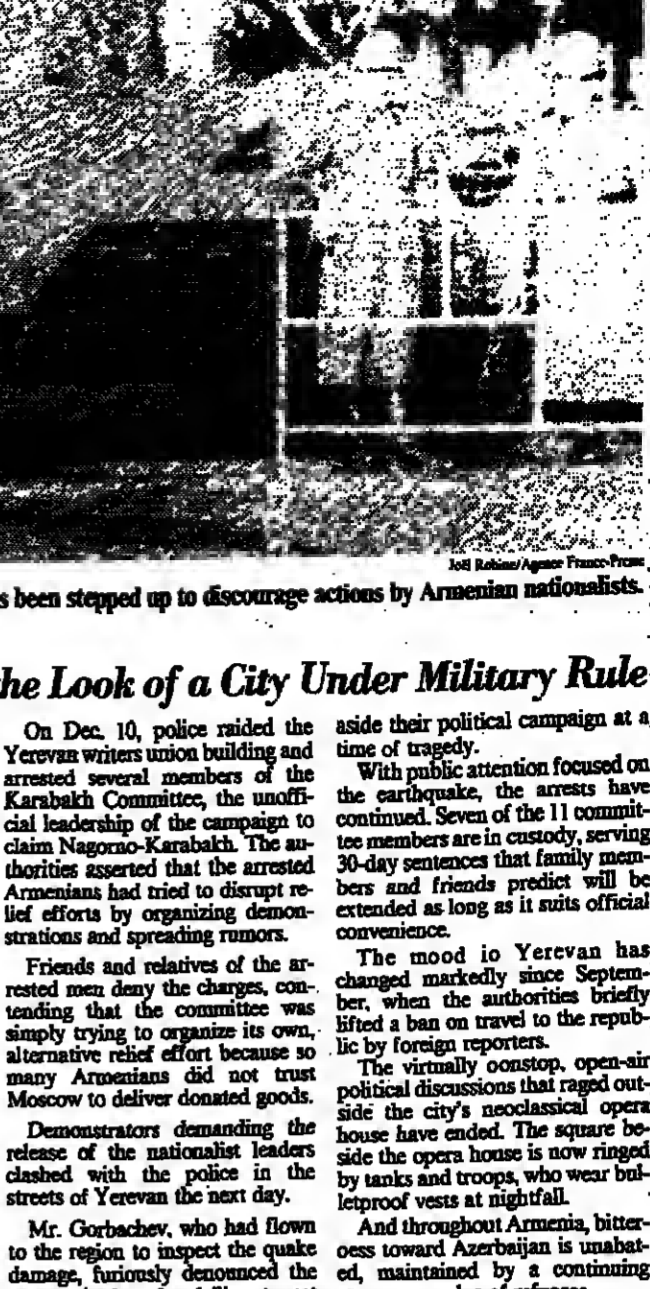
In addition, French customs officials filed two reports, saying the pictures belonged to Mrs. Canson and had been illegally exported, but these either did not reach the right desks or if they did, they were ignored, according to investigators.

They say Mr. Rosenberg was aware the painting had not been bequeathed to Mrs. Pessel's grandmother in 1979 because he twice wrote to Mrs. Canson in 1981 offering to buy it.

Mr. Bernard alleges that Mr. Lombard was fully aware of the painting's dubious credentials, and also knew Mrs. Pessel had offered forged paintings as security for a bank loan. She has since been separately indicted on that charge.

The affair might never have come to light, or gone beyond its roots in the Côte d'Azur, had not Mrs. Canson's forgotten sister, Jeanne Deschamps, 85, appeared from Switzerland several months after her sister's death. She alleged that Mrs. Pessel kept her sister captive and stole her valuable paintings.

Murillo's somberly clad gentleman, glove in one hand and hat in the other, was part of a reputedly fabulous collection that belonged to Mrs. Canson's father, a Paris collector and heir to a paper-manufacturing fortune.



Murillo's painting of a Spanish gentleman is at issue.

Swiss Withdraw Envoys in Lebanon

BERN — Switzerland has withdrawn its diplomats from Lebanon because of threats against them, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

The last to go was Ambassador Dino Sciolti, who sailed for Cyprus on Wednesday night with his wife, several embassy bodyguards and delegates from the International Committee of the Red Cross.

"We pulled the ambassador out because the situation is really difficult and dangerous," said the spokesman, Michel Pache. He said that the embassy would remain staffed by local employees.

Mr. Pache said the Swiss government had received a warning through diplomatic channels that all Swiss nationals were in danger. It was the same warning that prompted a suspension of activities by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Lebanon this week.

The Swiss government, he said, appealed to all Swiss nationals to leave in February, and renewed the call Dec. 2 after a letter was received from Peter Winkler, a Red Cross worker who was then held hostage.

Mr. Winkler referred in his letter to demands by his captors that the Swiss government free Hussein Mohammed Hariri, a Lebanese awaiting trial in Switzerland on charges of hijacking.

Mr. Winkler was released last Friday.

GAS: U.S. Weighs Action on Libya

(Continued from page 1) the world, not to mention dozens of factories that produce such weapons.

According to U.S. intelligence sources, the chemical factory is part of a larger complex located 56 kilometers (35 miles) southwest of Tripoli in a chain of low-lying hills. The complex, built with the help of private firms from a number of European countries, includes a metalworks plant built by Japan Steel Works that is believed to be des-

tined for the manufacture of aerial bombs and canisters.

Mr. Reagan made his comments in a taped interview with ABC's David Brinkley.

When Mr. Brinkley asked whether any military action had been discussed with the allies, Mr. Reagan said that "we are discussing with them and we want to pin down completely so that there is no question" but that the facility is a chemical weapons factory, "and one of tremendous size."

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Vol.	High	Low	Chg.
AT&T	28.25	27.75	+0.50
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Merck	55.00	54.50	+0.50
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Industries	185.75	185.00	185.75	-0.75
Finance	185.75	185.00	185.75	-0.75
Utilities	185.75	185.00	185.75	-0.75

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Bonds	Close	Chg.
Bonds	131.25	+0.13
Utilities	131.25	+0.13
Industrials	131.25	+0.13

Class	Prev.	Close
Class	278	278
Prev.	689	689
Close	278	278
Chg.		

Buy	Sell	'87
Buy	Sell	'87
Buy	Sell	'87
Buy	Sell	'87

Index	Open	High	Low	Last	Chg.
Index	282.44	274.42	271.42	282.44	-1.42
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Low	282.44	274.42	271.42	282.44	-1.42
Last	282.44	274.42	271.42	282.44	-1.42
Chg.					-1.42

Industrials	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Industrials	271.17	270.00	271.17	-1.17
High	271.17	270.00	271.17	-1.17
Low	271.17	270.00	271.17	-1.17
Close	271.17	270.00	271.17	-1.17
Chg.				-1.17

Class	Prev.	Close
Class	131	131
Prev.	278	278
Close	131	131
Chg.		

High	Low	Close	Chg.	
High	262.7	262.7	262.7	+0.2
Low	262.7	262.7	262.7	+0.2
Close	262.7	262.7	262.7	+0.2
Chg.				+0.2

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere.

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NYSE Lower in Dull Trading

NEW YORK—Stock prices fell Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange in dull trading as year-end tax considerations and a persisting uneasiness about the outlook for the economy pushed many investors to the sidelines for the third consecutive day.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had eased 1.43 Wednesday, fell 4.28 to close at 2,160.36.

Declines led advances by about a 9-8 ratio. Volume, dominated by stocks about to go ex-dividend, totaled 150.3 million shares, compared with 147.25 million traded on Wednesday.

Broader market indexes also declined. The NYSE composite index eased 0.23 to close at 185.50. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 0.51 to 276.87. The price of an average share dropped 23 cents.

Analysts attributed the dull nature of Thursday's trading activity to lack of meaningful economic news and tax-related selling before the end of the year.

"There's nothing economic to give a reason for either a rally or a decline," said Gail Dudack, a market analyst with S.G. Warburg.

Analysts said they expected little fallout from the announcement late Wednesday by Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. The investment banking house said it had reached an agreement with the U.S. attorney's office in which it will plead guilty to six felony counts and pay \$650 million in penalties and fines in connection with Wall Street's broadest insider trading case to date.

"Drexel's announcement will calm the waters a little bit in the equities market, but it will have more of a calming effect on the corporate bond market," Ms. Dudack said.

She said the market appeared to be taking a pause from its year-end rally, which began in November. However, she expected it to resume its upward course soon.

AT&T was the most active issue, off 1/4 to 29 1/4. The stock goes ex-dividend on Monday. The company said Thursday that it had agreed to acquire Eaton Financial, a leasing company based in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Commonwealth Edison followed, up 3/4 to 33. The stock goes ex-dividend on Friday. Nyxer, which also goes ex-dividend Friday, was third, off 1/4 to 67 1/4.

Among blue chips, IBM fell 1/4 to 122 1/4. Woolworth rose 1/2 to 50. Union Carbide rose 1/4 to 25 1/4. Boeing rose 1/4 to 59 1/4 and General Motors fell 1/4 to 85 1/4.

Dow Chemical, which goes ex-dividend Friday, fell 3/4 to 85 1/4 with heavy volume.

Among takeover-related issues, RJR Nabisco fell 1/4 to 99 1/4. Prime Computer, ex-dividend, rose 3/4 to 17 1/4. West Point-Pepperell rose 3/4 to 42 1/4 and Cummins Engine, which soared 6 points Wednesday on rumors of a possible bid, rose 1/4 to 39 1/4.

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WALL STREET WATCH
Investors Await New Surge In Attempted Takeovers

By ANISE C. WALLACE
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Investors are anticipating a new burst of takeover attempts by corporations and financial firms. "I think it's the calm before the next storm," said Steven A. Kroll, president of SLH Asset Management, the mutual fund subsidiary of Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc., which invests more than \$30 billion in stock and bond mutual funds.

Mr. Kroll and many other professional investors on Wall Street say that heavy takeover activity will resume at the beginning of January, much as it did at the beginning of this year. The bidding frenzy resumes, arbitrageurs are sitting on a mountain of cash that could quickly be put to work in announced or rumored deals. In recent weeks, institutions, individuals and arbitrage firms have received almost \$14 billion in cash from trading in takeover and stock buyback companies, Salomon Brothers said.

This includes \$170 million from the management-led buyout of Foodmaker Inc., \$12.9 billion from the takeover of Kraft by Philip Morris Inc., \$110 million from American Hoist & Derrick's takeover of Coast America and \$403.8 million from the buyback of 20 million Pennwalt shares.

So far, traders and arbitrageurs say, very little of this cash has been channeled back into the stock market. The arbitrage firms that have received their payments, for example, have been setting aside much of their cash in Treasury bills.

Experts expect heavy bidding to resume at the beginning of January, just as a year ago.

Traders are so convinced that the buyout binge will continue that they are virtually ignoring the cries for reform in Washington. They say the legislators who have expressed concern about the size and financing of these buyouts will likely be unable or unwilling to take the measures necessary to slow the pace.

"I don't see any configuration of potential laws that you can pass to stop this," said Ernest G. Wiggins, portfolio manager of the Fidelity Value Fund.

"It's not going to stop and it's not going to go away," Mr. Kroll of SLH Asset Management said.

The expectations of many professional investors are so strong that they do not even profess worry about the winding up of the Drexel Burnham Lambert case. Many past buyouts have been financed with high-yield "junk bonds" distributed by Drexel On Wednesday, Drexel agreed to plead guilty to six U.S. felony counts and to pay a \$650 million to settle the biggest Wall Street securities fraud case on record.

TRADERS cited the fact that the junk bond market barely reacted last summer when the Securities and Exchange Commission filed its long-awaited enforcement action against Drexel for insider trading.

While many agree that the buyouts are likely to continue, they disagree about the size of any future deals. Because of the furor raised by the size of the \$25 billion RJR Nabisco deal, David N. Dreman, managing director of Dreman Value Management, argued that there would not be any more deals above \$20 billion.

"I don't think the bank lines of credit are open and that the junk bond market is big enough," he said. He predicted the next crop of deals would have market values of around \$5 billion.

But Mr. Kroll of SLH, for one, says the RJR Nabisco acquisition by the leveraged buyout firm Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. opens the door for much larger buyouts.

He predicts takeovers with market value of \$40 billion or \$50 billion. He compares the buyout phenomenon to the prices paid for New York real estate. Every so often, he said, people complain that prices cannot go any higher. But so far, prices of apartments have continued to climb.



HUNTER AND PREY — U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani and men targeted in his investigations on Wall Street. Clockwise, from above left: Ivan F. Boesky, pleaded guilty to securities fraud, serving three years in federal prison; Dennis B. Levine, pleaded guilty to securities fraud, released on parole in September after serving 18 months; Boyd L. Jefferies, pleaded guilty to stock manipulation, awaiting sentencing; and Michael R. Milken.

A Powerful Broom Sweeps Wall Street
Giuliani: Zealous Prosecutor Makes a Name for Himself

By Scot J. Paltrow
Los Angeles Times Service

NEW YORK — The agreement by Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. to plead guilty to criminal charges is the latest episode in U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani's personal crusade against flagrant cheating at the highest levels of Wall Street.

In recent months, there has been what brokers and investment bankers view as a blizzard of indictments, including the first use of the draconian federal racketeering statute against securities companies. Wall Street's lawyers complain that the ambitious, publicity-hungry prosecutor uses vindictive tactics to get witnesses to cooperate and that he has applied criminal law to an area that had been left almost entirely to civil regulation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

But Mr. Giuliani, 44, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, which includes Manhattan, says that criminal prosecution is necessary as a deterrent. He defends his tactics, denying accusations by defense lawyers that he heaps on redundant criminal charges when his office indicts individuals who refused to cooperate with investigations. "The decisions we make are based on the merits of the case," he said.

Drexel and the other accused Wall Street figures are simply one category among the many high-profile targets that New York's chief federal prosecutor has gone after since he took office five years ago.

Friends and colleagues describe him as a zealot among crime fighters. His targets have included high-level organized crime figures, corrupt New York City officials, congressmen, the Teamsters union, and Ferdinand E. Marcos, the former president of the Philippines, and his wife, Imelda.

After what some say was a slow start, Mr. Giuliani has turned the aggressive prosecution of Wall Street figures into a hallmark of his tenure as U.S. attorney. He expanded the office's securities fraud unit, which now includes 14 assistant prosecutors. The office has brought about 60 insider trading cases since Mr. Giuliani's first full year in office, compared with only 12 ever brought before in his district.

Mr. Giuliani's office handled the plea agreements that led the Wall Street executive

Dennis B. Levine and the stock speculator Ivan F. Boesky to cooperate with prosecutors in other investigations. That cooperation led directly to Wednesday's settlement agreement by Drexel.

Last year, in a related case, Boyd L. Jefferies, head of Jefferies & Co. in Los Angeles, pleaded guilty to stock manipulation charges. Among the other developments in the past six months are stock manipulation charges against GAF Corp. and its vice chairman, James T. Sherwin, whose trial began Wednesday; market manipulation charges against the stock speculator Selim B. Lewis; racketeering and other charges against Princeton Newport Partners, a small investment concern that had extensive business dealings with Drexel; and the grand jury indictment Wednesday of Paul A. Bilzerian, the corporate raider and chairman of Singer Co.

Stanley Arkin, a defense lawyer and authority on white-collar criminal law who represents a number of those indicted by Mr. Giuliani, including Mr. Lewis, accuses the prosecutor of "cynical, malicious rebranding."

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GEC of Britain, CGE of France In Joint Venture

Completed by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON — Compagnie Generale d'Electricite of France and General Electric Co. of Britain will merge their power engineering operations to create the largest such group in the European Community, the companies announced Thursday.

In the area of transportation and distribution of energy, revenue is expected to reach \$1.2 billion, and in railroad equipment, where Alstom is already the world leader, it will reach \$1.1 billion a year. Alstom will also include its shipyards as a subsidiary of the new company.

The new company's name, and the date of its formation, were not specified, but the announcements in Paris and London said that the president would be Jean-Pierre Desgeorges, the president of Alstom, and that the vice president would be Robert Davidson, the current president of Power Systems.

More than half of the company's sales will be outside Britain and France. The group's supervisory board will be composed equally of GEC and CGE representatives.

Alstom, which is strong in Europe, Brazil, Mexico and Indonesia, primarily orients its exports to Southeast Asia, the Mediterranean basin and Latin America.

GEC has revenue of \$3.42 billion. It has plants in India, South Africa and Australia, and is oriented toward the Commonwealth countries.

In 1987, Alstom's turnover reached \$4.74 billion and profits of \$74 million.

A quarter of GEC's sales, or about \$833 million, involves the construction of power plants.

Although the new venture would form the largest power engineering group in the European Community, it would not necessarily be the largest in Europe.

For CGE, formerly a state-controlled group that was sold to private investors in May, the link with GEC would give it with a pan-European power engineering capability to match its pan-European approach to telecommunication.

At the end of 1986, CGE took over the West European telecommunications business of ITT Corp. through the formation of a joint

Currency Rates

Currency	Per \$	Per 5	Per 10	Per 20	Per 50	Per 100
Australian dollar	1.7144	8.5720	42.8600	85.7200	171.4400	342.8800
Canadian dollar	1.1959	5.9795	29.8975	59.7950	119.5900	239.1800
Deutsche mark	1.7488	8.7440	43.7200	87.4400	174.8800	349.7600
French franc	6.5493	32.7465	163.7325	327.4650	654.9300	1309.8600
Japanese yen	161.00	805.00	4025.00	8050.00	16100.00	32200.00
Swiss franc	1.4835	7.4175	37.0875	74.1750	148.3500	296.7000

Interest Rates

Currency	Rate
3-month Eurocurrency	8.75%
6-month Eurocurrency	9.00%
9-month Eurocurrency	9.25%
12-month Eurocurrency	9.50%
3-month U.S. Treasury bill	8.50%
6-month U.S. Treasury bill	8.75%
9-month U.S. Treasury bill	9.00%
12-month U.S. Treasury bill	9.25%

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9-month Eurocurrency	9.25%
12-month Eurocurrency	9.50%

Asian Dollar Deposits

Currency	Rate
3-month Eurocurrency	8.75%
6-month Eurocurrency	9.00%
9-month Eurocurrency	9.25%
12-month Eurocurrency	9.50%

U.S. Money Market Funds

Fund Name	Yield
Merrill Lynch Ready Assets	8.87%
30-day average yield	8.87%

Gold

Market	Price
A.M. Gold	415.50
P.M. Gold	415.50
London Gold	415.50
Paris Gold	415.50
Zurich Gold	415.50
New York Gold	415.50

Source: Reuters.

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Thursday's NYSE Closing

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere.

12 Month High Low Stock Div. Yld. PE Ratio

Table of stock prices for various companies including AT&T, IBM, and others.

U.S. Futures

Via The Associated Press

Season High Season Low Open High Low Close Chg.

Table of U.S. Futures prices for Grains, Food, and Metals.

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London Metals

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U.S. Dollars per metric ton

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Dividends

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U.S. Dollars per share

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Table of Stock Indexes including NYSE, Dow Jones, and S&P 500.

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TI, Hitachi Join In Developing a 16-Megabit Chip

By David E. Sanger

TOKYO — Two of the world's largest makers of semiconductors, Texas Instruments Inc. and Hitachi Ltd., said Thursday they would jointly develop a next-generation memory chip, the first such alliance in an industry that usually draws battle lines along national borders.

Company officials said the agreement was intended to share the enormous cost and enormous risk of developing a 16 million bit memory chip, which most experts expect will not be commercially available for three to four years. What makes the arrangement particularly unusual is its timing: With the Japanese dominating the memory chip market, American producers and the Pentagon are working to preserve the remaining U.S. chip-making technology.

Most of those efforts, including Sematech, a consortium designed to restore American talents in chip-making processes, exclude Japanese manufacturers. Texas Instruments is a member of the consortium, but officials here said they did not see a conflict of interest in participating in such projects while at the same time collaborating with a Japanese competitor.

"This is a first for American and Japanese companies in this field," said Kazuo Kimbara, a member of Hitachi's board. "We both admire each other's technology, and we think this makes a lot of sense."

Analysts said that it was not immediately clear which country had the most to gain from the agreement; Both have the talent and the cash to fund development of the 16 megabit DRAM, or dynamic random access memory, without outside help. By pooling their resources, however, they can afford to develop several alternative designs and select the best, officials from both companies said.

Mitsui and Iran Remain Deadlocked on Project

By David E. Sanger

TOKYO — Mitsui & Co. has advised Iran that the Iran-Japan Petrochemical Co. project should be scrapped but Iran contends that it needs more time to decide the project's fate, according to Mitsui sources.

An Iranian mission left Japan on Thursday after failing to resolve the future of the troubled project. Mitsui is the lead Japanese investor in the joint-venture project on Iran's Gulf Coast, which was 85 percent completed when the Iran-Iraq war broke out in September, 1980. The project was heavily bombed by Iraq during the war and Mitsui now considers it to be a total loss.

"We asked for their appreciation of our conclusion that friendly separation is the only way left for JIPC from our corporate point of view," Hiroshi Watanabe, president of Iran Chemical Development Co., said in a statement. Iran Chemical Development is the Japanese partner in the project.

Discussions between Mitsui and Iran will continue next year, sources from both sides said. National Petrochemical Co., the Iranian partner in joint venture, plans to read another mission to Japan in January, they said.

Mitsui told Iran that resumption of work on the complex was not financially justifiable, while Iran insisted on further inspections of the plant. Asked when Mitsui would be able to settle the dispute, a spokesman, "The sooner, the better."

Paris Commodities

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U.S. Dollars per metric ton

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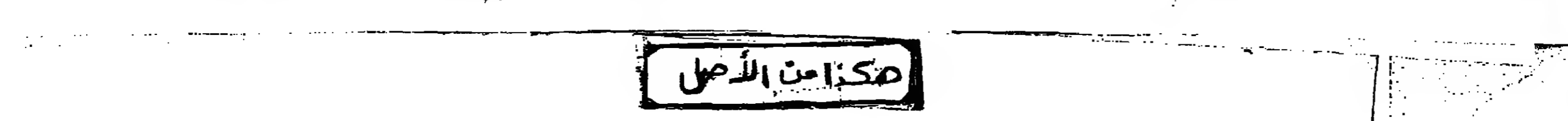
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THE DREXEL DEAL: In the end, a painful understanding that it was better to snitch than to fight

His Firm Casts Milken Adrift

Guilty Pleas Could Scuttle Junk-Bond Chief's Defenses

By Steve Coll and David A. Vise
WASHINGTON — For the past several weeks, as directors of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. sought to fend off federal charges, they agonized over the question of what moral, legal and financial obligations they had to Michael R. Milken, the executive most responsible for the firm's dramatic growth.

Overruling Mr. Milken's defenders, Drexel's board agreed to plead guilty to crimes with which he is likely to be charged.

targets of future criminal prosecutions, sources said. Mr. Giuliani's office had recently threatened to indict a number of Drexel employees who had not received formal notices that they were the targets of investigations.

After two years of adamantly defending the head of its high-yield bond department, then, the firm is likely to admit in open court that it believes it has no adequate defense against allegations of stock manipulation, tax violations and other securities fraud.

It participated in one of the biggest securities frauds on record. The directors' turnout followed intense negotiations and emotional debate, according to sources close to the firm.

Some of those questions of Drexel's obligations to Mr. Milken were pressed most vehemently by the executives in the firm's Beverly Hills junk bond department.

Whether he is found guilty of the fraud charges filed earlier this year by the Securities and Exchange Commission, is indicted on felony charges the government seems close to filing, or is exonerated, as he has always claimed he will be, Mr. Milken has cast a long shadow over one of the more remarkable eras in American economic history.

Two major issues that were the subject of negotiations between Monday and Wednesday were the specific crimes Drexel would admit to having committed and what assurances could be given to individual employees who might become

subject of congressional hearings and perhaps legislation. Some experts feel, in fact, that such action would be overdue.

By doing so, Drexel would admit

A Bitter Pill for Defiant Employees

By Kurt Eichenwald



Frederick H. Joseph, Drexel chief executive.

NEW YORK — The days leading up to the record \$650 million agreement by Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. to settle pending charges of violations in securities law were frustrating and bitter for the firm's leaders, who had undergone the uncertainty of two years of government investigation.

At least a month ago. From the beginning, the government demanded that Drexel plead guilty to committing a number of serious securities law violations and pay a heavy fine.

But Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Joseph received a telephone call from Rudolph W. Giuliani, the U.S. attorney in Manhattan, telling him that if the firm did not settle, it would be indicted the next day.

Prosecutors have responded by saying that those are standard practices in dealing with common criminals. That is the toughest notion for Wall Street to accept.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

EC Rules Would Curb Poison Pills

BRUSSELS — The European Commission agreed Thursday to propose new rules that would require full bids once an entity has acquired a third of a company and that would make it difficult for corporations to use certain "poison-pill" takeover defenses against formal offers.

Maxwell Selling Print Unit for \$300 Million

LONDON — Robert Maxwell said Thursday that he was selling his British printing interests for up to \$300 million (\$240 million) to help pay for his recent purchase of Macmillan Inc.

Route Will Go to Continental, Court Insists

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court has ordered the Transportation Department to award the Seattle-Tokyo air route to Continental Airlines in the latest round of a two-year battle among three of the largest U.S. airlines over the lucrative route.

Santander Has 9.9% of Royal Bank

LONDON — Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC said Thursday that Banco Santander of Spain had bought a further 5 percent stake in the group, raising its holding to 9.9 percent.

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ZEALOT: Giuliani Sweeps Street

(Continued from first finance page)

His critics in the defense bar, however, assert that Mr. Giuliani's desire to make examples of accused Wall Street cheaters has led him at times unfairly to use intimidating tactics.

In February 1987, for example, in an insider trading case related to the Boesky investigation, federal marshals arrested three high-level officials at big Wall Street investment companies.

Mr. Giuliani is widely expected to leave office sometime next year. Earlier this year, he acknowledged that he was thinking about seeking the Republican nomination to run against Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the New York Democrat.

The law, enacted by Congress to fight organized crime, carries severe financial penalties and long prison sentences.

Springer Sets Hungary Deal

BUDAPEST — The West German publishing group Axel Springer Verlag AG set up a joint venture in Hungary on Thursday, it was announced at a news conference.

White Knight in View, William Collins Says

LONDON — William Collins PLC, the British publisher, said Thursday that it had received an approach about a possible friendly takeover bid to counter an unwelcome offer from Rupert Murdoch's News International PLC.

KKR Ends Maxwell Deal

Macmillan said Thursday that Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. had terminated an agreement to buy several subsidiaries of the publishing concern, Reuters reported from New York.

EC Car Subsidy Review

The commission also decided Thursday to examine industry subsidies to a move to free the bloc's car market of all internal barriers after 1992, Reuters reported.

Large advertisement for Dresdner (South East Asia) Limited, Republic of Singapore. Features a logo and lists various international banks and their services.

Advertisement for Springer Sets Hungary Deal, detailing the joint venture between Axel Springer Verlag AG and a Hungarian partner.

Advertisement for White Knight in View, William Collins Says, discussing the potential takeover of William Collins PLC.

Advertisement for KKR Ends Maxwell Deal, reporting on the termination of the agreement between Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. and Macmillan.

Advertisement for EC Car Subsidy Review, discussing the European Commission's decision to examine industry subsidies.

Thursdays AMEX Closing

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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Finishes Firmer in New York

NEW YORK — The dollar edged higher in New York on Thursday in thin trading marked by the wholesale exit of market players before the holiday.

London Dollar Rates

Table with columns: Currency, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Deutsche mark, Pound sterling, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, French franc.

The dollar ended at 1.7738 Deutsche mark, up from 1.7710 DM at Wednesday's close, and at 124.65 yen, up from 124.60 yen, up from 124.65 yen, up from 124.45 a day earlier.

Weak Military Orders Hold Durable Goods Rise to 0.1%

WASHINGTON — New orders for durable goods rose 0.1 percent in November, but excluding the volatile military category they rose a sharp 1.8 percent, the U.S. Commerce Department said Thursday.

Bank Gift to Sudan Could Set Trend Midland Gives Up Nearly Worthless Paper for UN Project

LONDON — An agreement under which Britain's fourth biggest commercial bank is donating all of its Sudanese debt to a United Nations relief agency could herald a wave of swaps to reduce Third World debt, according to analysts and aid officials.

paper for which it had already set aside provisions from its profit. "This is significant because Midland is the first bank in Britain, and one of the first in the world, to be willing to donate debt," said David Kline, president of the Fund for Private Assistance in International Development, which is based in the United States.

Sudan, which has \$12 billion of foreign debt, is \$1 billion in arrears to the International Monetary Fund, more than any other nation. In 1986, the IMF declared it ineligible for new credits.

Japan Quietly Seeking Ways to Force Cut in Huge U.S. Budget Deficit

TOKYO — Japan is so used to being assailed by the United States and its trading partners that it has a word for it — *gaitaku*, or foreign pressure.

said Masaru Yoshimoto, director-general of Japan's Economic Planning Agency. "Whether Japan as the largest creditor nation can afford to use its position as leverage for imposing discipline on the debtor nation is yet another difficult challenge," the senior official told a monetary conference in Washington.

A senior Bank of Japan official said Japan would not be as impatient as Washington has been in the past because it recognizes that changing the U.S. economic structure will take time.

Other officials, taking a less radical approach, continue to argue that the United States issue bonds denominated in foreign currencies.

Reports that Kentucky is considering issuing yen bonds has fanned speculation the federal government might follow suit.

Poland Foresees Arrears

WARSAW — Poland will be unable to repay all the interest due in 1989 on its foreign debt of \$37.9 billion, the first deputy prime minister, Ireneusz Sekula, said on Thursday.

Mr. Sekula said in the Sejm, the legislature, that Poland was due to pay more than \$3 billion in interest next year but that the hard-currency trade surplus would provide only about \$1 billion.

Thursday's OTC Prices. NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list, compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar volume.

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BOOKS

A WRITER'S AMERICA: Landscape in Literature

By Alfred Kazin. 240 pages. \$24.95. Alfred A. Knopf, 201 East 50th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

Reviewed by William Howarth

ALFRED KAZIN is a rare figure these days, an intellectual in love with America and willing to fling that song across the spacious skies, purple mountain majesties and fruited plains that we tend to forget as they really out there, beyond the urban gridlock and deadlocked doors where most citizens now unaccountably live.

Kazin makes no apologies for his passion, an attitude that will strike some readers as either obvious or obstinate about the national future. His book sweeps back and forth over the American continent, seeking through its writers some message about the land itself, one that explains why generations of explorers and travelers have produced a chronically rootless and restless race that is nonetheless "haunted by a sense of place."

Thomas Jefferson had that feeling, seated high atop his Virginia mountain in a Palladian estate, urging Lewis and Clark to journey west and bring back news of the continent's splendor. Emerson and Thoreau felt it in Concord, Massachusetts, a town of sleepy, pastoral beauty that launched two revolutions, political and cultural. Whitman, Twain, James, Faulkner — in these and dozens of other American writers, Kazin finds a persistent absorption with place, not as a background for stories and ideas, but as the very body from whence they sprang.

Although this story is familiar to Americans, it also bears repeating to successive generations. As a people they have always had a strange, if dimly understood, hunger for "Nature," tending either to exploit or preserve it as a material resource. In either case, they have missed what many of their artists have seen: that rocks, trees and clouds also nourish the spirit, presenting in outward, visible form the needs and doubts that roll them deep inside. Hence Melville voyaged out to the open sea, where "meditation and water are wedded for ever," ("Moby-Dick") and Steinbeck drove down U.S. Route 66, "the mother road, the road of flight."

Wandering is an American pastime, change Americans' most enduring trait. Yet landscape is fixed, one of the few traditions they cannot spurn. In Kazin's view, "landscape" comprises not just farm and forest, the rolling hills or tidal coasts, but also wasteland, the negative space of swamp and battlefield, and settlement

— great homes at Saratoga and Newport, the sooting towers of New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. This broad definition favors his urban background, which often inspires a gutsy, reminiscent prose: "A New Yorker seeing Chicago for the first time at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in 1943, when Chicago was turning out sailors as Detroit turned out tanks, was as excited by the city on the lake, the city of terrible winters, and its indigenous American force, as another writer might have been by Paris. A wild energy poured in from Lake Michigan, from the sailors pummeling each other to keep warm, from the stiffly silent Black recruits. It all brought home the street corner savagery of the gangs in James T. Farrell's 'Studs Lonigan,' the unleashed power of Black resentment in Richard Wright's 'Native Son.'"

Too much of this, and you might feel trapped on a cross-country bus with a bookish seaman, but Kazin knows how to make the scenes and texts serve one another. His account is an "essay" in the traditional sense, a trial or experiment that develops theme and variations in a loose, meditative manner. With him we wander in time, branching out from a particular locus, say, Plum Island off the north shore of Massachusetts, through a skein of references to Proust, Samuel Sewall, Whitman, Frost, Melville, and the Finnish Eddas.

To give this journey a form, he builds each chapter around principal figures and sites, moving east to west along a course that leads from Jefferson to Robinson Jeffers, brooding about the republic on their separate coasts. At times the effect is of a quick grand tour, whistle-stopping through the Major Writers anthology, but when Kazin pauses for longer visits, as with Thoreau, the author and environment become subtly matched.

So broad and readable a text deserves a better form of publication. While the numerous images — photographs, drawings, and paintings — are well selected and arranged, many prints have a muddy, murky cast, and only the latest of captions. Type is set in a small font with a long measure, probably to leave more space for pictures. The resulting book is a hybrid, not clearly designed for either the desk or coffee table. That seems regrettable, in view of the urgent concluding question Walt Whitman poses his fellow American: "But where is what I started for so long ago? And why is it yet unfound?"

William Howarth, author of "The Book of Concord" and "Travelling the Trans-Canada," teaches American literature at Princeton University. He wrote this for The Washington Post.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

THE diagrammed deal from the Cometa Invitational, played Nov. 3-6, in Malmo, Sweden, illustrated an important aspect of a well-known argument: What should be the opening lead with three small cards? The most popular choice for American experts nowadays is the low card, and in this case that would make life easy for the declarer.

Bridge hand diagram showing North and South hands with cards and suits. Includes a bidding sequence and a note: "Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding: North East South West Pass Pass East 4 South 4. West led the club six."

World Stock Markets

Via Agence France Presse. Closing prices in local currencies, Dec. 22

Table of World Stock Markets with columns for Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, Johannesburg, London, Madrid, Milan, Montreal, New York, Paris, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Stockholm, Sydney, Tokyo, and Zurich. Includes various stock indices and prices.

Table of Exchange Rates and Gold Prices for various currencies including US Dollar, British Pound, Swiss Franc, Japanese Yen, and others. Includes gold prices in different units.

ACROSS crossword puzzle with clues: 1 More's the pity!, 5 Prairie component, 10 morgana, 14 Bombay bigwig, 15 Bouquet, 16 Monumental, 17 Almost simultaneously, 20 Circle measure, 21 Magistrate in ancient Rome, 22 Lawyer's thing, 23 Laughed like a grouple, 25 First name of a Wharton color, 28 Palette man, 29 Heelkicks, 31 Needlefish, 32 Bedstaff, 36 La's lead-in, 40 O'Neill monogram, 41 Egyptian king, 43 Egg: Comb. form, 44 Ending with noi or sou!, 46 throat, 48 Actress Spacak, 49 Coat mihre, 52 Kugler, Transvaal leader, 53 Zones, 54 "... lay like taking his real", Wolfe, 58 How a cookie crumbles, with the, 61 Novel or sermon ending, 62 Clean or spottish, in Caen, 63 — Seton, My Theodora's author, 64 Woodland creature, 65 One of the 12 tribes of Israel, 66 Graling sound.

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DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip panel showing Dennis and his dog Gidget.

JUMBLE word game section with a grid of letters and words to be found. Includes a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman.

PEANUTS comic strip panel featuring Snoopy and Woodstock.

BLONDIE comic strip panel featuring Blondie and Dag.

WIZARD OF ID comic strip panel featuring a wizard and a man.

REBOARD word game section with a grid of letters and words to be found. Includes a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman.

Solution to Previous Puzzle showing the completed crossword puzzle grid.

BEETLE BAILEY comic strip panel featuring Beetle Bailey.

REX MORGAN comic strip panel featuring Rex Morgan.

GARFIELD comic strip panel featuring Garfield and Odie.

Large vertical advertisement for 'Pete' featuring a portrait of a man and promotional text.

Large vertical advertisement for 'REBOARD' featuring a grid of letters and promotional text.

SPORTS

Parity Pete's Party-Poopers Have Ruined the Playoffs

VANTAGE POINT/Tony Kornheiser

For decades, baseball's New York Yankees gave millions of fans a team to hate. Who in his right mind is going to write a musical titled "Damn Seahawks"?

So long Rams, Bills, Seahawks (yet again). That leaves us with the Final Four: San Francisco and Chicago in the NFC, Cleveland and Cincinnati in the AFC.

new ones. What I want to know is, if the Bears are in the Super Bowl, what in the name of Orson Welles is "The Fridge" going to look like in 3-D?

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — Curse you, Parity Pete. Curse you for finally getting your schedule-making henchmen in the National Football League to succeed in arranging the noxious balance you've been striving for: a league overflowing with ordinariness and mediocrity.

Wilson Is One Angry Viking

What's Going On Here Stinks' The Associated Press EDEN PRAIRIE, Minnesota — Wade Wilson figures that, for the last two seasons, he has been teased, twisted and "Tommyied" by the Minnesota Vikings.

SIDELINES

Höflehner Wins Cup Downhill Race ST. ANTON, Austria (AP) — Helmut Höflehner of Austria, who placed 69th in last season's World Cup standings, conquered a dangerous slalom course Thursday for his second victory this season.

Indy Star Lanier Gets Life Sentence BENTON, Illinois (AP) — Randy Lanier, the Indianapolis 500 rookie of the year in 1986, was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison without parole for his part in a multimillion-dollar drug smuggling operation.

For the Record Wayne Fontes, the NFL Detroit Lions' interim coach for the final five games of this season, was given a three-year contract Thursday.

Quotable Boxing announcer Hugh Maley on former heavyweight champion George Foreman: "Some fighters telegraph their punches. Of' George has resorted to carrier pigeons."

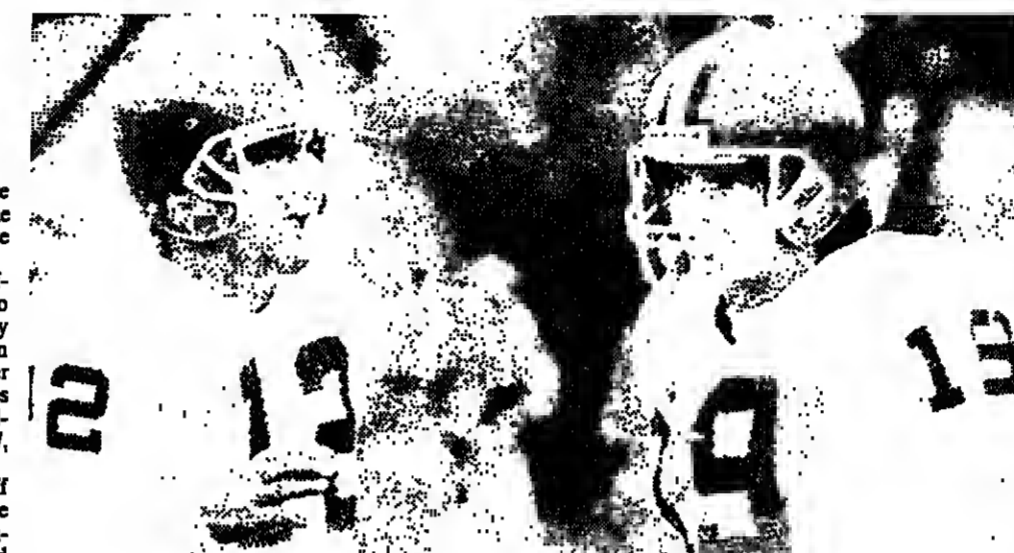
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Don Strock, 38, left, discussed the offense with Bernie Kosar at the Browns' practice Wednesday.

The Browns' Strock: Wildest Wild Card

By Gerald Eskenazi New York Times Service NEW YORK — Three months ago, Don Strock was a retired athlete approaching his 38th birthday.

Strock has been playing so well for the Browns under emergency conditions that he may even start Saturday. If he does, he would be the fourth-oldest quarterback ever to start a National Football League playoff game.

Strock's Cinderella story may not reach its conclusion because of other oaks out of the Cleveland camp: Bernie Kosar is back to uniform practicing.

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OBSERVER

The Christian Tradition

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — As an heir to the Christian tradition, I am naturally surprised to find that Jews are now arguing passionately about who is a Jew and who isn't.

to argue that no real Christian would read another Christian out of the faith because of a disagreement about transubstantiation.
This created a profound crisis when my own dear mother left the church where she had worshipped for years because she was outraged by a new minister's theories about Communion.

By contrast, the Israeli political dispute about who is a Jew seems like tame stuff. Israel's Orthodox rabbis who want a government that will read a lot of people out of the faith would be dismissed as lightweight zealots in the eyes of old-time Christians.
They propose no auto-da-fé, nor even a few turns on the bismillah for those who do not conform to the Orthodox view of the faith. They are content to confine themselves to the blackball, as it were.

A typical Christian situation occurred recently when allegations of sexual misconduct against certain evangelistic preachers raised the question: Should a Christian forgive his preacher as readily as she forgives his mother?
One of the sadder aspects of the so-called Christian nature is its tendency to be horrified by the discovery that clergymen are troubled by the same unseemly passions that torment all other men.

Steel Clouds Over L.A. — Or Something

By Jay Mathews
Washington Post Service
LOS ANGELES — In the first flush of inspiration, it was conceived as a simple yet unforgettable tribute to Los Angeles — the new gateway to America — something to rival, perhaps even exceed, the grace and grandeur of the Statue of Liberty.



A model of "Steel Clouds," a proposed monument to be erected over a freeway in Los Angeles.

Then the ambitious idea fell into the hands of a government-appointed committee and a group of young architects drawn toward the avant-garde, with results that must be seen to be believed.
Nikolas Patsouras, the Greek immigrant electrical engineer who has led the gateway effort, said the blue ribbon panel appointed by Mayor Tom Bradley quickly decided it did not want "a static edifice, a monument in the conventional sense, that would fit in cities like Rome, Paris or Athens."

Angels rather than New York, and they are most often in trucks, cars and buses, not ships.
But there have been initial difficulties in adjusting to the Los Angeles scene. The West Coast Gateway's first handouts described the stretch of U.S. Route 101 to be surmounted by the monument as the Santa Ana Freeway, when according to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and most Angelenos it is actually a piece of the Hollywood Freeway.

Some natives quarreled with a bald statement in an initial prospectus that "public parking in the surrounding area is adequate." The Caltrans spokesman Thomas Knox said the department has yet to decide whether the gateway might prove an unsafe distraction for the 200,000 automobiles that ply through that section of central Los Angeles each day.

The design includes a number of stopping places for visitors touring the monument — for instance, an air-conditioned "Museum of Time" honoring U.S. history, a computerized genealogy archive, an immigration museum, two or three restaurants, a "Park of Peace and Unity" and a pair of aquariums with sea life from the Pacific and the Atlantic, respectively.

The sheer boldness of this project is sustained under close inspection not only by the integrity of its strategic decisions but also through the poetic force of the images, metaphors and sensual experiences that it offers to the visitor, the jury said.
Some critics see the winning entry as one more sign of the current passion for an architectural movement called "deconstructivism," which, to a degree, celebrates chaos.

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Australian Alan Bond Was Buyer of 'Iris'

The Australian multi-millionaire Alan Bond revealed on Thursday that he was the purchaser of Vincent van Gogh's "Iris" for \$53.9 million last year. The 50-year-old magnate acquired the work at a Sotheby's New York auction but waited until his penthouse office in Perth was completed before revealing it. The van Gogh takes pride of place in the 51st floor office, which has panoramic views over the city from which Bond has built a worldwide natural-resources, brewing, media and real-estate empire.

The Orchestre de Paris will hold a concert on Friday at the Salle Pleyel in Paris for the benefit of the Armenian earthquake victims. Performing will be the orchestra's musical director, Daniel Barenboim, as well as Charles Aznavour, Teresa Berganza, Patricia Chereau, Brigitte Engerer, Siegfried Jerusalem, Jean-Pierre Rampal, Isaac Stern and Yuri Bashmet, who is coming specially from Moscow.

The Swiss author Friedrich Dürrenmatt, 67, will bequeath his entire literary estate to Switzerland. Swiss government spokesman said that the estate will include all his manuscripts, as well as many of his paintings. The manuscripts are to be kept in a future "Archive of Swiss Literature" that would also include parts of the estates of writers Hermann Hesse and Robert Maria Rilke.

Prince Charles will return to a ski slope in Switzerland where he escaped death last March in an avalanche that killed a close friend, according to a British royal spokesman. The British royal heir's wife, Diana, will not accompany him because she has engagements in England, a palace spokeswoman said. The prince's visit to Klosters in late February and March will follow a trip to the United States.

A French court on Thursday gave the singer Sacha Distel a one-month suspended jail sentence and banned him from driving for six months for his role in a car accident in 1985 in which actress Catherine Deneuve was seriously injured. Distel was also fined \$3,000 French francs (about \$500) after he was found guilty of dangerous driving and causing injury.

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